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SUBJECT: MORE MUSLIMS PICKED UP

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1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS PICKED UP
FOR QUESTIONING AN ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF MUSLIM LEADERS,
BESIDES THE THREE REPORTED ASRRESTED IN REFTTEL. THE
EXACT NUMBER PICKED UP IS NOT KNOWN, BUT THOSE WE HAVE
SO FAR IDENTIFIED ARE CLOSELY TIED WITH THE BANNED,
MODERNIST MASJUMI PARTY. THE MOST PRIMINENT AMONG THEM
IS SJAFRUDDIN PRAWIRANEGARA, THE FORMER "PRIME MINISTER"
OF THE 1958 REBEL SUMATRAN "PRRI" GOVERNMENT AND MORE
RECENTLY AN OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF THE SUHARTO REGIME.
A SON-IN-LAW OF FORMER INDONESIAN PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMAD
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NATSIR IS ALSO AMONG THOSE BEING QUESTIONED.

2. UNLIKE THE HEAVY PUBLICITY GIVEN THE ARRESTS OF
MAHBUB DJUNAIDI, ISMAIL SUNY AND BUNG TOMO, THERE HAS
BEEN NO PRESS MENTION TO DATE OF THE ADDITIONAL PICK-
UPS. MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF ONE OF THOSE ARRESTED TOLD
US, HOWEVER, THAT UNLESS THOSE HELD ARE PROMBTLY RELEASED,

THEY WILL TELL THEIR STORY TO THE PRESS. THESE SOURCES ALSO CLAIM THAT NATSIR AND FORMER INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOHAMMAD ROEM HAVE ALREADY ASKED VICE-PRESIDENT ADAM MALIK TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND SEEK THE QUICK RELEASE OF THESE PICKED UP.

3. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO GATHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE EVLOVING SITUATION, AND WE WILL FORWARD OUR ASSESSMENT OF GOVERNMENT-MUSLIM RELATIONS AND THE "SETTLING IN" OF THE NEW CABINET ON OTHER FRONTS PRIOR TO THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE FOR HIS ASIAN TRIP. MASTERS

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